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Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, May 24, 2006

9:00 AM

Room 301-G, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:02 A.M.

Present: Halloran O'Meara, Toran, Ellis, Bernstein, Wacker

Excused: Turner, Hintz

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Ms. Toran moved, seconded by Ms. Wacker, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections.

Roll call taken at 9:05 A.M.

Present: Halloran O'Meara, Toran, Ellis, Bernstein, Hintz, Wacker

Excused: Turner

2. Update on returns of the 2005 Statement of Economic Interests forms.

Ms. Devereaux reported that there are 3 outstanding forms as of today's meeting.

3. The Board may convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats.

Ms. Halloran O'Meara moved that the Board convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats. There were no objections.

4. The Board may then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats.

The Chair reported that the Board approved the filing of 2 complaints (06-506-1 and 06-506-2) and also determined to investigate more fully other matters heard in closed session while in closed session.

5. Report from research assistant relative to office activities of the previous month.

Ms. Devereaux said that the annual report is finalized and should be introduced to the Common Council by June 1st. In mid-July, the Board should be able to have its "Ethics Code" payroll stuffer going out with the city paychecks. Ms. Devereaux will call Union Copies Plus to see if she can get a cheaper price, rather than current estimates of

\$2,000 for color copies compared to a \$200 for black and white copies. Ms. Hintz moved, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, that if color copies are \$1,000 or less, the flyer shall be printed in color. There were no objections.

The Ethics Subcommittee met and Ms. Devereaux worked on trying to get outstanding statements returned.

6. Report from Ethics subcommittee on review of the 2005 Statement of Economic Interests forms.

Ms. Hintz noted that she, Mr. Bernstein and Ms. Wacker met as a subcommittee on May 17th and reviewed various statements. Approximately 100 forms were reviewed in 75 minutes, with 10 forms being returned to the filers for clarification. The subcommittee had no suggestions for changing the form. Ms. Wacker feels there is confusion between sections A and B on the form, with filers tending to flip the sections. Ms. Devereaux mailed out the letters and met with 1 of the 3 individuals she was requested to meet with.

7. Review statement of economic interests forms for new board/commission members and designated City employees.

The Board approved the forms of David Flores, Christopher Martin and Sebastian C.J. Raclaw.

The form of Lyle Balistreri will be returned for clarification related to the gifts and honoraria section.

8. Set next meeting date(s).

The next meetings will be Wednesday, June 21st and Wednesday, July 19th.

Meeting adjourned: 10:26 A.M.

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